

Introducing the Chinatown Gold Coast Taskforce

A Sub-Committee of the Southport Chamber of Commerce

Welcome!

We are delighted to introduce the newly formed **Chinatown Gold Coast Taskforce**, a dedicated sub-committee of the Southport Chamber of Commerce, working to **reimagine Chinatown as a must-see, must-visit precinct** for locals and visitors alike.

Our vision is to create a vibrant cultural destination—a **safe and welcoming place for everyone, regardless of ethnicity**, to enjoy food, festivals, karaoke, and community connection. Building on the foundations laid a decade ago, we aim to revitalise the precinct with a strong focus on **family-friendly experiences, cultural celebrations, and thriving local businesses**.

We are currently planning a series of **cultural events** including the Mooncake Festival, Mazu Festival, and Spring Festival, as part of our effort to establish Chinatown as a hub of cultural exchange and celebration.

To achieve this, we have set clear goals:

- Support local businesses through initiatives such as **outdoor footpath dining, markets, and cultural displays**
- Promote the development of **accommodation and conference spaces**
- Encourage **cultural tours and educational experiences**
- Foster collaborations with **existing operators, education providers, and community groups**

Our Taskforce brings together a diverse and passionate team:

- **Co-Chairs:** Stella Shen and Sherry Tong – respected professionals in finance and business
- **Deputy Chair:** Lavinia Rampino – Deputy Chair of the Southport Chamber of Commerce
- **Secretary:** Lisa Gay – Consultant Trainer in Chinese language and culture

- **Treasurer:** Allan Godbee – Local accountant and Treasurer of the Southport Chamber

- **Committee Members:**

Holly Liu – Events industry expert and multilingual business owner

Ping Aspinall – Co-founder of the Australian Chinese Women's Federation Inc.

Peter Cook – Officer in Charge, Southport Police Station

Gerard Robb – CEO, Australia-China Business Council (Queensland)

We invite you to support this exciting initiative and become part of a future-focused effort to ensure Chinatown Gold Coast grows in vibrancy, relevance, and success. Look out for upcoming opportunities to collaborate, participate, and celebrate with us as we reimagine Chinatown together.

Warm regards,



Lavinia Rampino

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